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MEDITATION

Once relegated to the realm of new-agey pseudo-science, there's now hard evidence to back up the many benefits of meditation for the mind, body and spirit. Here, 20 research-backed reasons to say 'Om.'

Mind

Body

Increases gray matter

Reduces

Cultivates willpower

Physically

changes the brain

Lowers blood pressure

and anxiety

Eases stress

Reduces

Helps sleep

Fosters a healthy body image

Cuts emotional reactivity

Builds self knowledge

Helps relationship satisfaction

Spirit



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